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To:

Members of the Senate Committee on Public Health, Human Services and Revenue

From: Senator Glenn Grothman

Re:

Senate Bill 321

## Chairman Galloway and Committee members:

Thank you for scheduling Senate Bill 321 for a public hearing. Senate Bill 321 does a number of things that will streamline the individual income tax check-off procedure and simplify the state tax form.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2011, taxpayers will not be able to select from more than ten possible checkoff options on the income tax form and temporary checkoffs may not be created after December 31, 2011.

Any tax checkoff created after December 31, 2011 and before January 1, 2015 may not appear on the tax form, but beginning in September 2014, and then every two years, the secretary of revenue must rank the checkoffs in order of performance and only the top eight checkoffs will remain, allowing the bottom two spaces for the next two checkoffs in queue (unless there are none, then all ten will remain). The creation of checkoffs will still remain the same by being voted through the legislature.

Thank you again for your consideration of Senate Bill 321.